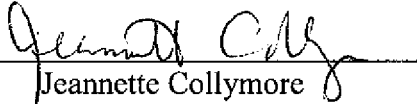


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**RESPONSE (B) TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 25, 2008, Applicant submits the following amendment and response. A petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is also enclosed herewith.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Through the amendments and the Remarks that follow, the rejections of claims 1-20 above are overcome.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary, such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required for consideration of this paper (including fees for net addition of claims) are authorized to be charged to our **Deposit Account No. 03-2410, Ref. No. 30894-101.**